

GARFIELD STOPS FUELLESS DAYS

Monday Closings to End, but State Officials May Order Partial Shutdowns.

COAL SAVING NOT FIGURED

Railroad Embargo Prevents Accurate Estimate—New England's Plight.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Fuel Administrator Garfield issued an order to-night to all State Administrators revoking the heatless Monday order which, as originally issued, called for holidays on all Mondays until March 25. All the State fuel officials except those in New England favor the suspension of the order. The State Administrators have the power to order a heatless Monday whenever they deem such action necessary, and it is the belief of the Fuel Administrator that the New England Administrators will order a continuance of the original Federal order.

In announcing the recall order to-day Dr. Garfield said:

"I had hoped to be able to give the figures showing the amount of fuel saved by the country in the five day industrial suspension and the three heatless Mondays, but much fuel was wasted during the operation of the railroad embargo order of the Director-General of Railroads, and there is no means of showing the exact part played by each order in fuel conservation."

"The movements of cars and the better condition of the shipping schedules show that the plan has brought about conditions which justify the Fuel Administrator in withdrawing the order at this time. On January 22 the number of cars above normal eastbound on four of the great eastern roads was 25,815. Yesterday this number had been reduced to 12,769. This shows that the conditions of conservation have been greatly relieved. The embargo order issued by Mr. McAdoo had much to do in bringing this about no doubt, but the order for industrial curtailment also played a strong part."

What Reports Indicate.

Reports considered by Fuel Administrator Garfield this afternoon before announcing the recall order, indicated that for the most part the eastern part of the country is assured of sufficient coal for normal needs from now on. In southern New England, suffering of the winter will be felt during the coming three weeks.

Reports from New England never gave such a black outlook as those which came to-day. Several weeks ago Dr. Garfield ordered that special trains totalling 500 cars of coal should be sent into New England daily. Only a few days ago this order had been carried out, the average shipments being much nearer 350 cars a day than 500. Special arrangements were also made for shipping more coal by water, but these plans have been disrupted by the needs of the Navy Department.

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South Africa Hits Votes for Women

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 13.—The House of Assembly, by a vote of 54 to 30, to-day rejected a motion in favor of incorporating a paragraph in the electoral reform bill giving the franchise to women.

Block Island Reached by Boat.

NEWPORT, R. I., Feb. 13.—Steamboat service between Block Island and this city, which had been interrupted eight days by the ice blockade, was resumed to-day. Provisions and a large quantity of delayed mail made up the cargo of the boat which left this city for the island.

An affair stated to-night about the cities of Massachusetts are stripped of anthracite coal. No coal has been delivered for two days to office buildings and factories in Boston and little coal is left for the city. Many more mills are shutting down, and James Storrow, the New England Fuel Administrator, fears that his district will suffer great privations in the next two weeks if the weather does not moderate to a marked degree.

Railroad officials report that the main line of the Boston and Maine Railroad between Boston and Mechanicville, N. Y., will be forced to stop operations Friday morning. Only a few days ago it was believed that it will reach the road in time to prevent a general tieup.

Maine Central Hard Pressed.

The Maine Central Railroad is also hard pressed for fuel. This general condition of want throughout New England has been told and retold to the Federal fuel officials for several weeks. No drastic orders which would help the situation, however, have been forthcoming.

Dr. Garfield when asked to-day what action is contemplated to help the New England States replied:

"We will do everything we can to help the New England States. Through the Shipping Board and Mr. McAdoo we hope to provide greatly increased facilities for transporting coal."

This promise has been made on previous occasions, but as yet the Fuel Administrator has been unable to state the needs of the Northeastern district with sufficient emphasis to persuade the Shipping Board that a strong fleet of coal-carrying ships must be mobilized to the task of getting coal to New England ports.

WARNING BY McADOO.

Railroad Embargoes Will Be Maintained.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—After a telephone conversation with Dr. Garfield, Director General McAdoo to-night gave out a statement indicating the rescinding of the Monday closing order, but calling attention to the danger of further transportation difficulties from winter weather, and the consequent necessity of continuing coal.

Because there are still six weeks of winter weather ahead, with the possibilities of snow and blizzards to interfere with railroad operations, Mr. McAdoo said, there is still adequate reason for maintenance of railroad embargoes on non-essential commodities.

"Every moment of unnecessary stoppage that we can keep off the railroads during this period and while the accumulated congestion of the past several months exists," said the Director General, "will help to restore normal conditions that much more quickly."

"I believe that there is every reason for encouragement and confidence about the future, and that the resources of the country will prove sufficient to meet the great industrial and financial demands of the war."

NEW ENGLAND PARLEY.

Storrow Calls for Conference of Fuel Officials.